

Proposal for Downsizing the Manpower of SAIL

489. SHRI ANAT.TA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Steel Authority of India has a proposal to downsize its manpower;
- (b) if so, the proposal mooted thereon;
- (c) the number of employees likely to be retrenched in the process;
- (d) whether a time limit has been fixed therefor; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a part of restructuring plan of SAIL, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the company. In terms of this MoU, it has been agreed that SAIL will attain a manpower of 1,00,000 in the next Five years through voluntary retirement and other separations including superannuation as indicated below:—

Year	Manpower
2000-2001	1,47,000
2001-2002	134,000
2002-2003	1,21,000
2003-2004	1,10,000
2004-2005	1,00,000

- (c) No employees are planned to be retrenched in the above process.
- (d) and (e) do not arise.

Decline in Population of Primitive Tribes

490. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the number of some primitive tribes;